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EXEMPTION IN ACCESS DEFICIT CHARGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has proposed to consider to fully exempt the telecom companies from paying the Access Deficit Charge (ADC);

(b) if so, the total benefits of this exemption accruing to the common consumer in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) As per regulation issued by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India on 27th March 2008, no Access Deficit Charge (ADC) is payable with effect from 1st October 2008.

(b)& (c) Till 30th September 2008, ADC was applicable on incoming international calls.The charges for such calls are paid by subscribers in foreign counties.Therefore benefit of this exemption does not accrue to the common consumer in India.